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REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 1-51. The Abstract of the

Disclosure has been amended. The drawings have been amended. No new matter has been added

by way of this amendment. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

The drawings have been objected to by the Examiner because "the Figs. 7a-7c, and

10a have been cited in the background of the invention (see specification, pages 3, and 6) so they

must be labeled as a prior art." In response to this objection, Applicants have amended the drawings

as required. Accordingly, entry of the drawings as an amendment to the Office Action is

respectfully requested.

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been objected to. In response to the specific

objections outlined on page 3, paragraph 4 of the Office Action, Applicants have amended the

Abstract to place it in compliance with standard U.S. practice. Accordingly, reconsideration and

withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing amendment and remarks, this application should be in

condition for allowance. Early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. However, if

there are any questions regarding this Response, or the application in general, a telephone call to the

undersigned would be appreciated since this would expedite the prosecution of the application for

all concerned.

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